

NO PLAGUE IN PALOLO; SIMPLY NATIVE GIN.

Superstition of Some
Hawaiians Wholly
Unwarranted.

NO SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE.

KAHUNA PASSED AWAY IN
HAWAII WITH OTHER
EFFETE IDEAS.

Stimulant Produced From Ti Plant
Root Has Demoralizing Ef-
fect on the Human
System.

Has a plague stricken Palolo valley—
one of the garden spots of this island?
This valley is one of the most beau-
tiful in the islands, and according to
Sanitary Inspector McVeigh and Dr.
Pratt of the Board of Health, it is an
ideal place in which to live. It is be-
tween 400 and 500 feet above the sea
level; the small settlement is located
on the slope of a hill, affording ample
drainage. The water supply is derived
from a large spring, located at a con-
siderable elevation and three-quarters
of a mile above the settlement. There
is no sewerage, of course, but the popu-
lation has not been large and the aw-
ful death rate of the place could not
be accounted for by reason of sewage
or unsanitary conditions.

Despite this, eight deaths have oc-
curred in that valley since June 4,
and the entire valley is now depopu-
lated. Everyone has fled there, and
when the subject is mentioned to the
average native, he holds up his hand
in horror and says kahuna—which,
being interpreted, means witchcraft.

And little blame to him, with his
light. Human instinct, when rein-
forced by local customs and contem-
porary beliefs, and upheld by actual
statutory laws taking cognizance of
such excruciating superstitions, will
long linger in the mind, even after
years of better teaching.

The eight men that have fallen in
this unexplained epidemic in fair Pa-
lolo valley have died from natural and
not supernatural causes. Despite the
fact that the autopsy physicians are
somewhat at sea as to causes, it is
quite certain that undue quantities of
native gin had more to do with these
deaths than kahunaism. The day by
witchcraft and praying people to death
has passed away with other obsolete
matters in Hawaii.

The peculiar fatality of the disease
in Palolo valley is attracting unusual
attention, but there is nothing super-
natural about it. The laws of nature
cannot be violated with impunity.
There must be cesspools for sewage,
and stagnant water beds are not con-
ducive to good health.

The last Palolo victim was a native,
aged 49 years. He came eighth in the
series. An autopsy, and a critical one,
was held on his remains. Dr. Pratt
was called by the autopsy, told a
Republican reporter yesterday that
Kane died from natural causes, to-wit,
myocarditis, an inflammation of the
membrane of the heart. But other
things were the matter with Kane.
According to Dr. Pratt, he had a slight
pneumonia; pus was found in his kid-
neys; he suffered with syphilis in its
advanced stage, and nearly all of his
organs were affected. These are phys-
ical conditions, in the face of which
the unhalloved and superstitious faith
in kahuna must fall. Neither black
dog, white pig, or red rooster with
white tail feather, offered in sacrifice
to Pō, could have saved his life.

Here is the story of these deaths as
told by the records of the Health De-
partment:

June 4—A 12-year-old girl; cause of
death, nephritis (disease of the kid-
neys).

June 10—A 29-year-old male native,
who died of alcoholism.

June 21—A male, 24 years old, part
Hawaiian; died of scirrhus of the
liver and nephritis.

July 3—A native male, 69 years of
age; cause of death, fatty degeneration
of the heart.

July 6—A native male, aged 18; dis-
ease, typhoid fever.

July 10—A wife of foregoing, a native,
aged 18; typhoid fever.

July 15—A native male, aged 35; cause
of death, nephritis.

July 24—Kane, the eighth victim, a
native, aged 49; myocarditis, as at-
tributed.

An analysis of these causes of death
ought to explain the origin of the so-
called plague. To the average mind
this would be simple, even if the in-
vestigation made by the Republican
had not definitely determined the in-
citing cause. Of the eight deaths,
every one is attributable to inflamma-
tory causes, as follows: Alcoholism, 1;
scirrhus, 1; nephritis, 2; heart trou-
ble, 2; typhoid symptoms, 2.

Gin is productive of all these, and
excessive indulgence in that native
product—alcohol—is undoubtedly the
cause of all the deaths thus far re-
ported from Palolo valley. There has
been a tremendous drinking of this
native beverage, distilled from the
roots of the ti plant. These roots are
gathered, roasted in ovens, then macer-
ated between rocks. It is later steeped
in a barrel, a large tin bucket or a
valuable and allowed to remain there
until fermentation has well advanced.
Whenever the proper point of ferment
has been reached the mass is boiled,
after the ordinary manner of distilla-
tion, the rising vapor being drawn off
into a bottle. That's the native gin,
possessing all the clearness of color
and other qualities of Holland gin.
The only difference is that its intoxi-
cating qualities are much greater.

ANTONE RODRIGUES ESTATE.

JUDGE HUMPHREYS RENDERS A
DECISION IN THE CASE.

The Late Antone Rosa Declared to Be
Remiss in His Duties As
Guardian.

Judge Humphreys has rendered a de-
cision in the estate of Antone Rod-
rigues. He finds that the late Antone
Rosa, executor and guardian, was re-
miss in his duties and violated his
obligations.

The concluding portion of the de-
cision is as follows:

"The executor will in this case, there-
fore, stand charged with the balance
shown to be due to the estate as of the
date of filing his accounts, with interest
thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per
annum until date; he will be charged
with interest at legal rates upon the
\$600 principal from the date of his ap-
pointment to date; he will be counter-
charged with the commissions with
which he has credited himself; he will
be charged with the sum of \$85 coun-
sel fees with which he has credited
himself in probating this estate, the
testimony showing that his adminis-
tration of the estate has been a positive
detriment to it rather than good; he
will also stand charged with the items
embraced in each and every one of the
exceptions; a master's fee fixed at \$50,
and all the costs of this court."

J. Alfred Macdon for movants; Lor-
rin Andrews for respondent.

Remembered Mr. Hassinger.

The clerks and attaches of the former
Interior department made a handsome
presentation to John A. Hassinger,
who retired from the office of chief
clerk on June 14. The token was a Ha-
waiian royal coat of arms watch chain,
with the following inscription on the
back: John A. Hassinger, with shiv-
ing from clerks of Interior Department,
June 14, 1900. Accompanying the gift
was an address encyclopedic of the retiring
officer and his eminent services and
expressing deep regret at the sun-
dering of pleasant ties.

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VOLCANIC PHENOMENA MENACES TERRITORY.

That is the Opinion of
Weather Observ-
er Lyons.

RAIN OR ERUPTIONS TO COME.

EARTHQUAKES IN MAUI AND
HAWAII GIVE WARNING
OF TROUBLE.

The Local Savant Combats French
Astronomer Flammarion's
Theory About Sun
Spots.

Great troubles never come singly.

It is a trite, but true, maxim. Amer-
ica is plunged into serious complica-
tions with China, which, possibly, may
sever her friendly relations with Euro-
pean powers; Hawaii is greatly dis-
turbed over labor problems.

But this is not all—volcanic phe-
nomena menace the Territory; so says
Weather Observer Curtis J. Lyons.

"In my judgment this hot weather
will be followed by rain or volcanic
phenomena. They have had several
earthquake shocks in Hawaii and
Maui," said Observer Lyons to a Re-
publican reporter yesterday.

"The weather," continued the
speaker, "for June and July has been
unusually hot. It has been from one
to two degrees hotter during these
months than for the same period in
previous seasons in eighteen years, or
since I have taken weather observa-
tions.

"The rainfall for the month has
been a little more than two-thirds of
the normal. The rainfall for twelve
months previous to July 1 was 29.45
inches. The normal would be 39.45
inches. I expect more rain, a plentiful
downpour, within the next few weeks.

"I am aware that the French astron-
omer, Camille Flammarion, attributes
the excessive heat that is being felt all
over the world to the solar spots dis-
covered on the sun in June last. The
spots, he states, are 45,000 miles in
diameter. He declares that the erup-
tions show additional coal in the ma-
chinery of the sun, and that great heat
will prevail during August.

"While I have no facilities for study-
ing the surface of the sun, I am im-
pelled to the belief that this is not the
proper time for pronounced, or unusu-
ally large spots, to appear on the sun.
This is the season of minimum sun
spots.

"But admitting that 45,000 miles in
diameter on the sun are covered with
spots, I cannot sanction the theory ad-
vanced by the French savant that these
solar spots are responsible for the
intense heat prevailing over the
greater part of the world. I be-
lieve the more spots that appear on the
face of day the cooler it should be on
this planet. Is it hot when the sun is
in eclipse? Certainly not. I am im-
pelled to my original theory, pub-
lished in The Republican, that the hot
weather is due to a hot wave at the
equator.

"To-day has been the hottest in July.
The thermometer has been up to 88
degrees. Last month the hottest day
was 88 degrees.

"But Hawaii isn't the only place that
has been hot during the month. It
has been extremely hot in New York,
Boston, Philadelphia and London. In
London on July 15 the mercury in-
dicated 85 degrees in the shade. The
hospitals were busy caring for victims
of heat prostration. Nine fatal cases
were reported. Laborers were obliged
to knock off work during the hottest
hours of the day.

"In New York on the same day the
hot weather caused a contributed to-
ward the death of more than seventy
people in the city and vicinity. As
many more stricken ones were in the
hospitals. More than half the fatalities
were among babies and little children,
and there were about forty bodies of
the little ones lying at the Morgue at
Bellevue."

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THE NAVAL STATION WILL REMAIN HERE.

Pearl Harbor No Long-
er Needful to the
Government.

TO INCLOSE NAVAL RESERVATION.

RICHARD STREET PARK TO BE
BUILT UP AND BEAU-
TIFIED.

Plenty of Room for Machine
Shops, Dry Docks, Coal
Bunkers and Ample
Wharfage.

"No," said a gentleman closely iden-
tified with United States naval matters
yesterday, "the naval station here in
Honolulu will not be speedily aban-
doned, and I fear the people now liv-
ing will not see the day when this
section of the city will be given over
to use as a public park. Of course, all
this reservation, aggregating eight and
one-half acres, will be improved, that
is the plan and policy of the Govern-
ment everywhere.

"For instance," continued the gen-
tleman, pointing to the roadway, "Al-
len street will be continued along our
front there—the seawall—throughout
our grounds, ninety-two feet wide.
That will make a nice thoroughfare.
Then, too, the coral will all be graded,
covered with loam and improved, as
we have started to do right in front
of the office here.

"While all of this will be done, there
is little doubt that the example set at
other naval stations will have to be
copied here—to inclose the entire res-
ervation with a substantial fence. I
think I violate no confidence when I
say that this has been definitely de-
cided upon. The fence will be extended
so as to include the coal sheds across
the street and all the ground owned
by the Government here. Such a
course is absolutely necessary to the
protection of public property and for
the safe and expeditious handling of
the Government's business. The war
in China will make this station in-
finitely more important than it has
been, and will impel the prompt carry-
ing out of all the projected improve-
ments here.

"But what of Pearl Harbor?" sug-
gested the reporter.

"I fear it will be many a day before
the Government will do much work
there."

HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO.

FANNA SECURES ROOMS FOR RE-
PUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Great Fight to Be Made in Indiana, Illi-
nois, Wisconsin and
Michigan.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Senator Hanna,
chairman of the Republican National
Committee, paid his first visit of the
campaign to Chicago to-day. He ar-
rived on the early train from Cleveland
and took breakfast at the Auditorium
Annex, where he found a host of poli-
ticians of all degrees of importance
waiting to see him and offer and obtain
advice about the political fight which
Chairman Hanna is preparing to direct.

The chairman spent the day in the
company of National Committeemen
Stewart of Illinois and Payne of Wis-
consin and Kerens of Missouri, looking
for campaign headquarters.

It was 9 o'clock to-night before they
closed a contract, and when the con-
tract was made possession of forty
rooms was transferred to the commit-
tee for use until either McKinley or
Bryan is elected. The quarters com-
prise the apartment building on Com-
press street, adjoining the headquar-
ters of Chairman Babcock's National
Congressional Committee, suits in the
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